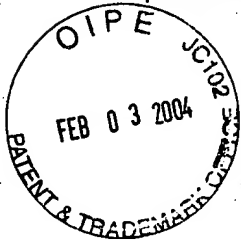


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Huang et al.
Serial No.: 09/847,232
Filing Date: May 2, 2001
For: PLANT TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS AND ENHANCED GENE
EXPRESSION

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of
the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior
to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA)
under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term
adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional
Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat.
Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
previously filed on December 12, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- b. ☒ Enclosed
☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies of
all cited references

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2. Miscellaneous

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.

(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(f) required)

3. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$385.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees.
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) (\$385.00)
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 3, 2004

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